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# Here's everything you need to know about NYC Broadway Week Fall 2019

Whether you prefer to see a musical, play or kid-friendly show, NYC Broadway Week has got you covered.

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NYC Broadway Week Fall 2019 is back!

Theater lovers, unite: Your hopes and dreams are about to come true. New York City is bringing back its Broadway Week for Fall 2019. Broadway Week is a tradition that started in 2011, in which tickets to Broadway shows are two-for-one. This makes for the perfect birthday gift or early holiday present for anyone who enjoys theater.

NYC Broadway Week Fall 2019 is a partnership between NYCgo.com, payment partner Mastercard and The Broadway League. Charlotte St. Martin, president of The Broadway League, said in a press release, "It's an ideal time to come and see a Broadway show and our ongoing partnership with NYC & Company makes it more accessible than ever with two weeks of two-for-one tickets."

She added, "Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime fan, there are so many choices that you'll definitely find something that's right for you — from high-energy new productions to celebrated long-running shows. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this summertime treat."

Here's everything you need to know about NYC Broadway Week Fall 2019:

**What is NYC Broadway Week Fall 2019?**
NYC Broadway Week Fall 2019 is an event that occurs twice a year. The event offers two-for-one Broadway tickets. Over 1,464,000 tickets have been purchased since its first year.

**When is NYC Broadway Week Fall 2019?**
This fall, NYC Broadway Week will run from Sept. 3 to Sept. 16.

**When can I buy tickets to NYC Broadway Week Fall 2019?**
Tickets went on sale Aug. 14. To purchase tickets, you can check out NYCgo.com/broadway-week. There is a two-ticket minimum to participate. The way it works is, once you buy two tickets, the ones after will cost you 50 percent of the original rate. You can also upgrade your tickets for the shows to get better seats. Upgraded tickets will be sold for 50 percent off the original price plus a flat fee of $30.

**Is there a code to use to get the discount for NYC Broadway Week Fall 2019?**
Yes. The code for two-for-one tickets is BWAYWK; for the upgrade option, BWAYUP.

**How many shows will be participating in Broadway Week Fall 2019?**
Twenty-four shows will be participating, and half of them are brand-new to the event. The shows include both musicals and plays.

To experience Broadway Week Fall 2019 for yourself, here are the 24 participating shows:

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"Come From Away"
"Dear Evan Hansen"
"Mean Girls"
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"Tootsie"
"Waitress"
"Wicked"

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## 2 Ex-NFL, Texas RB Benson dies at 36 in motorcycle crash

Former NFL and Texas running back Cedric Benson was killed Saturday night in a motorcycle crash in Austin, Texas. He was 36. His family confirmed his death to the Austin American-Statesman. Official confirmation from the Travis County medical examiner was expected as early as Sunday afternoon. Benson's passenger, identified only as woman in her 30s, also was killed, according to the Austin-Travis County EMS. Both were declared dead on the scene. TMZ reported Sunday morning that Benson's motorcycle ran into a minivan. The EMS said the crash occurred after 10 p.m. Saturday and that two other people sustained injuries that weren't life-threatening. North Carolina coach Mack Brown, who recruited Benson when he was Texas' coach, responded: "We lost a great one way too soon #RIP." In his NFL career, Benson rushed for 6,017 yards and 32 touchdowns. REUTERS

## 3 CDC investigating 'cluster' of illnesses linked to e-cig use

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is investigating a "cluster" of lung illnesses linked to e-cigarette use after such cases were reported in 14 states. The CDC is working with health departments in Wisconsin, Illinois, California, Indiana and Minnesota on the investigation. Since June 28, states have reported 94 possible cases of severe lung illness tied to vaping, with 30 occurring in Wisconsin, according to a CDC statement on Saturday. Patients with the illness experienced cough, shortness of breath and fatigue. Some had serious breathing difficulties that required ventilation. A CDC spokesman was unable to provide additional information. Representatives for the state health departments did not respond to inquiries. New York and New Jersey have also issued health advisories regarding vaping-linked lung illnesses. REUTERS

## 4 IS claims Afghan wedding blast as US, Taliban near pact

The Islamic State militant group claimed responsibility on Sunday for a suicide blast at a wedding reception in Afghanistan that killed 63 people, underlining the dangers the country faces even if the Taliban agrees to a pact with the United States. The Saturday night attack came as the Taliban and the United States try to negotiate an agreement on the withdrawal of U.S. forces in exchange for a Taliban commitment on security and peace talks with Afghanistan's U.S.-backed government. Islamic State fighters, who first appeared in Afghanistan in 2014, are not involved in the talks. "We're there for one reason, we don't want that to be a laboratory, it can't be a laboratory for terror," Trump said, speaking before boarding Air Force One in New Jersey. The Taliban earlier denied responsibility for the blast and condemned it. REUTERS

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# White House says no recession in sight, pushes China trade talks

The U.S. is "in pretty good shape," advisers say.

White House officials pushed back on Sunday against concerns that economic growth may be faltering, saying they saw little risk of recession despite a volatile week on global bond markets, and insisting their trade war with China was doing no damage to the United States.

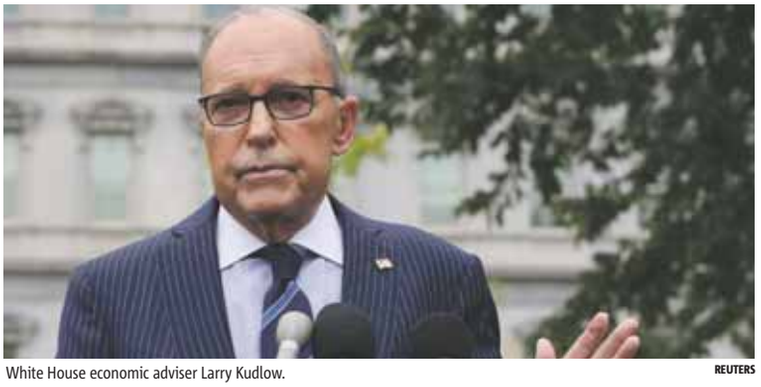
Trump administration economic adviser Larry Kudlow said trade deputies from the two countries would speak within 10 days and "if those deputies meetings pan out... we are planning to have China come to the USA" to advance negotiations over ending a trade battle that has emerged as a potential risk to global economic growth.

But even with the stalks stalled for now and the threat of greater tariffs and other trade restrictions hanging over the world economy, Kudlow said on "Fox News Sunday" the United States remained "in pretty good shape."

"There is no recession in sight," Kudlow said. "Consumers are working. Their wages are rising. They are spending and they are saving."

His comments follow a rocky week in which concerns about a possible U.S. recession began to drive financial markets and seemed to put administration officials on edge about whether the economy would hold up through the 2020 presidential election campaign. Democrats on Sunday argued Trump's trade policies are now posing an acute, short-term risk.

U.S. stock markets tanked last week on recession fears, with all three major U.S. indexes closing down about 3 percent on Wednesday only to pair their losses by Friday due to expectations the European Central Bank might cut rates.



White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow. REUTERS

The Fed and 19 other central banks have already loosened monetary policy in what Fitch Ratings last week described as the largest shift since the 2009 recession.

Markets are expecting even more cuts to come. For a brief time last week bond investors demanded a higher interest rate on 2-year Treasury bonds than for 10-year Treasury bonds, a potential signal of lost faith in near-term economic growth.

Much of the uncertainty surrounds prospects for a resolution of the trade tensions between the United States and China.

The administration last week delayed the imposition of some of its planned tariffs to avoid disrupting the upcoming Christmas shopping season. President Donald Trump told reporters he had a call with China's President Xi Jinping scheduled soon. It had not taken place as of Saturday night.

Trade adviser Peter Navarro on Sunday dismissed last week's market volatility as any sort of warning sign, saying "good" economic dynamics were encouraging investors to move money to the United States.

"We have the strongest economy in the world and money is coming here for our stock market. It's also coming here to chase yield in our bond markets," Navarro told ABC's "This Week."

For bond markets, the sort of movement Navarro described is often driven by trouble — in this case the possibility that the trade battle with China is lasting far longer than expected and becoming disruptive to business investment and growth.

The U.S. economy does continue to grow and add jobs each month. Retail sales in July jumped a stronger-than-expected 0.7 percent, the government reported last week, and Kudlow said that number showed that the main prop of the U.S. economy is intact.

But manufacturing growth has slowed and lagging business investment has become a drag.

A slowdown would be bad news for Trump, who is building his 2020 bid for a second term around the economy's performance. He told voters at a rally last week they had "no choice" but to vote for him to preserve their jobs and investments. REUTERS

# THE FOREMAN FORECAST: BRACING FOR IMPACT?

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Ever since he took office, President Donald Trump has been snatching at the wheel of the world economy, insisting that if anyone knows how to drive that car, it's him. Tough talk, tariffs, trashed trade deals: Trump has plowed through it all like a demolition derby king. His supporters have cheered, reveling in their faith that he can't lose. And the raging U.S. economy has been the one area in which a solid majority of voters approve of the results they're getting from Trump.

But now it looks like the wheels might be coming off. With growing indicators of a possible recession, global markets are going wild. Investors everywhere appear poised to cash in and run for cover. Not doing it yet, but still. Trade disputes between the U.S. and China, uncertainty over Brexit, and general unrest in so many places make it unlikely the turmoil will end soon.

So Trump is pushing back. Through his never-ending torrent of tweets, he is trying to reassure Americans that even if some things go economically awry in some faraway places, he won't let it happen here. Your 401(k) won't be decimated. Our markets won't crash. Your job won't slide into the abyss.

U.S. President Donald Trump. GETTY IMAGES

In all sincerity, anyone who cares about this country has to hope he is right. Because if another recession comes our way, the real-life impact could be awful. People losing homes, cars and insurance. College hopes crumbling. Retirement plans collapsing. Businesses closing.

But in political terms, Trump should fear this news more than anyone else. He has staked so much of his identity on this idea that he knows how to make the economy hum, an economic collapse would be devastating. Sure, he's trying even now to lay the groundwork for blaming someone else — the Federal Reserve is a favorite target — but I suspect that is a waste of time. Fairly or not, voters judge every president on the strength of the economy, and if this economy cracks up, Donald Trump will likely find his legacy buried in the wreckage along with the rest of us.

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# ‘You can still sense the love’: Boomers revel at Woodstock, 50 years on

Flower crowns, tie-dye and ... metal detectors.

Baby boomers dressed in tie-dye, rolling wheelchairs and chasing a memory of peace and love flocked to Bethel, New York, for the weekend to mark the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, the music festival that defined 1960s counterculture.

Thousands of flower-crowned visitors made the journey to the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, which now owns the original festival site, to hear some of the same musicians including Arlo Guthrie; attend a planned Saturday concert by Santana; and feel the spirit of community that the 1969 festival produced.

“Even though I’m seeing the site 50 years later, I feel like I’m there at the first concert,” said Peter Hadley, 63, who arrived on Thursday. “Everybody greets us, talks to us. It’s the love that started back in ’69 and it’s present here, now.”

Woodstock, which was held at Max Yasgur’s dairy farm in upstate New York from Aug. 15-18 and featured about 30 acts, became a logistical nightmare when more than 400,000 people showed up, causing traffic gridlock for miles.

This weekend, in stark contrast to 1969, attendees found metal detectors, indoor plumbing and abundant food vendors at the Bethel Woods Center, which is hosting several concerts to mark the anniversary.

But those making the return trip said they had been unfazed by the chaos and unsanitary conditions in 1969, and instead remembered the kindness of locals, law enforcement and other concertgoers who offered food and medical aid.

“Everything that could go wrong went wrong. But everything went right,” said Duke Devlin, 77, who hitchhiked to Woodstock from Texas and has lived near the festival venue ever since. “We were bombarded with bliss.”

Arlene Seymour, 69, arrived for the weekend wearing the same tie-dye shirt she bought on her way to the 1969 concert. She fondly recalled sharing food with people she had just met and sleeping in the trunk of a stranger’s car to avoid the rain.

“It just wouldn’t happen like that today,” she said. “Because of the environment in the world, people would be worried to have it so loose.”

The anniversary attracted not just baby boomers. Younger people, dressed in throwback bell-bottoms and fringes, came to experience the atmosphere they missed in 1969.

Down the road from Bethel, a more informal reunion with music was taking place to mark the weekend in a style reminiscent of 50 years ago.

“You can still sense the love,” said Michelle Lecuyer, a 53-year-old sales director from New Hampshire, who described standing on the field where rock legends like Jimi Hendrix, Joe Cocker and Janis Joplin performed as experiencing “a slice of heaven.”

Previous Woodstock anniversaries have not fostered such harmony. People threw mud at performers at a rain-drenched Woodstock ’94 in Saugerties, New York. A fire broke out at the 30th reunion in Rome, New York, and the event devolved into violence.

Last month, original Woodstock producer Michael Lang’s plans for a 50th anniversary festival fell through when the organizers failed to secure a venue and headliners including Jay-Z and Miley Cyrus dropped out. REUTERS

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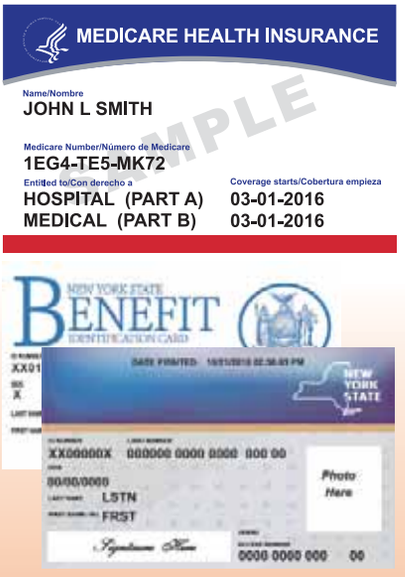


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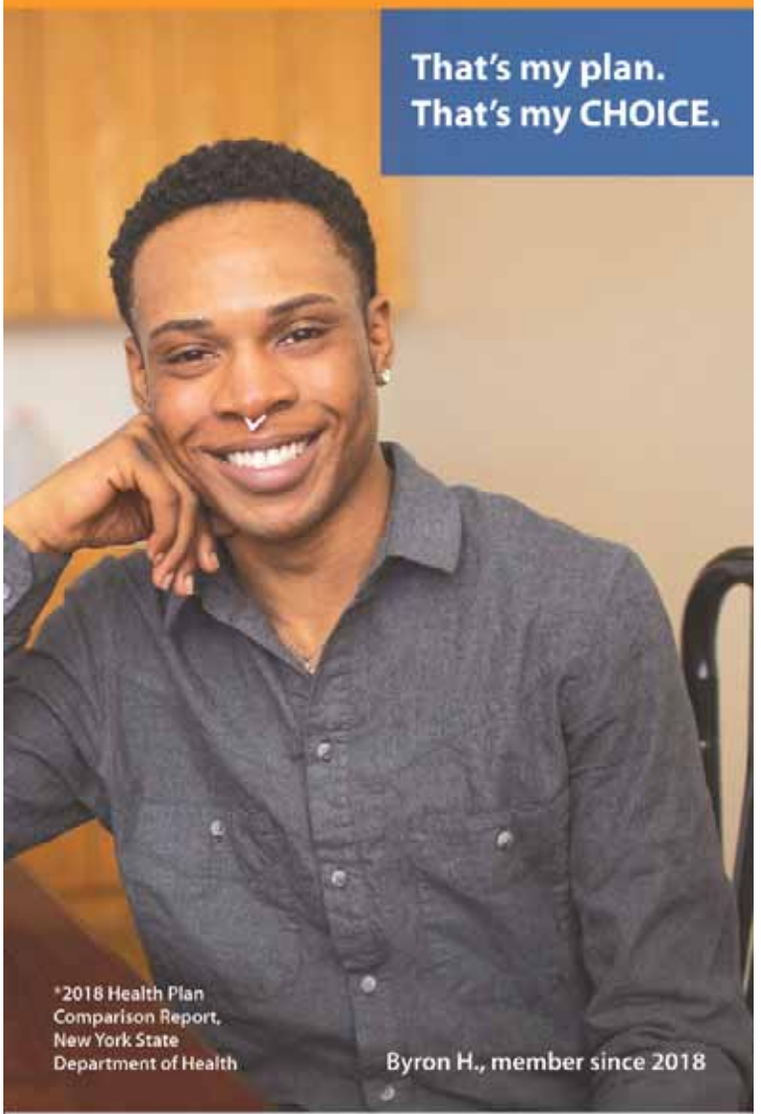
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# Where to eat in Grand Central Terminal

Here's your guide on where to grab a quick bite or enjoy a leisurely meal in Grand Central Terminal.

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We've all been there: You get to Grand Central two minutes after your train left and you have to wait another 40 minutes to catch the next one, or maybe there was a transit hiccup that's causing massive delays. It's almost inevitable — as you await the arrival of the train, your stomach starts to rumble.

Restaurants in Grand Central are designed to cater to those waiting for their trains or rushing through to get to work in the morning. No matter how little or how much time you have, there's a spot for you at Grand Central.

Although it's not well-known for its food, it should be. Grand Central has a ton of hidden gems for the perfect quick bite. We've highlighted a few of our favorite spots.

**Have some coffee at Irving Farm New York**
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**Taste some doughnuts at Doughnut Plant**
Another great option in the morning, for when you need a quick bite and are craving something sweet, is Doughnut Plant. They have an adorable and social media-friendly mini Grand Central doughnut, which is inspired by the ceiling of the Main Concourse. *Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-10:30 p.m., Sundays 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Lower Level Dining Concourse*

**Savor some bread at Bien Cuit**
If bread is your weakness, Bien Cuit is the perfect spot to check out. They are well-known for their famous sourdough bread, but we recommend the cherry pane dolce, which has cherries enrobed in brioche. *Mon-Fri 7 a.m.- 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Grand Central Market*

**Try some fried chicken and whiskey at Art Bird & Whiskey Bar**
Here you'll find fried chicken at any hour of the day, including breakfast. They are the most well-known for their chicken sandwich. You can sit down and relax in their restaurant or grab a quick bite to go. Did we mention you can get whiskey here, too? *Every day 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Lower Level Dining Concourse*

**Devour some fresh sushi by Pescatore**
In a sushi mood? Pescatore is a fish vendor within Grand Central Market, and this sushi spot allows you to taste freshly-made sushi every day, whether it's their special roll (a spicy tuna roll with avocado and lobster salad on top) or the killer chirashi bowl (sashimi with rice on the bottom). *Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Grand Central Market*

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So many had given up hope.

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**The Treatment Formula**

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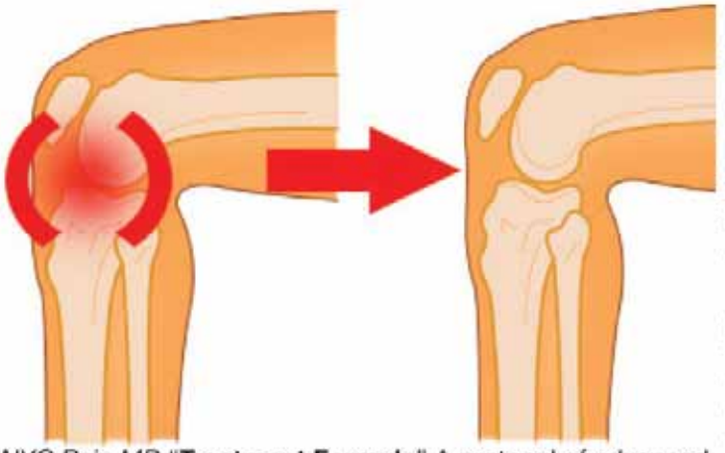

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**Here's What You Should Do Next**

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Anti-extradition bill protesters march to demand democracy and political reforms, in Hong Kong, China, Aug. 18, 2019. REUTERS

# Hong Kong protesters throng streets peacefully in pouring rain

Sunday's peaceful protest marks 11 weeks of citywide demonstrations.

Hundreds of thousands of anti-government protesters rallied peacefully in Hong Kong on Sunday, filling major thoroughfares under torrential downpours in the 11th week of what have been often violent demonstrations in the Asian financial hub.

Sunday's turnout showed that the movement still has broad-based support despite the ugly scenes witnessed in recent days when protesters occupied the Chinese-ruled city's airport, a move for which some activists apologized.

It was the calmest weekend protest since the latest demonstrations against perceived creeping Beijing influence in the former British colony began.

"They've been telling everyone we're rioters. The march today is to show everyone we are not," said a 23-year-old named Chris, who works in marketing and was dressed all in black, including a scarf covering his face and baseball cap.

"It does not mean we won't keep fighting. We will do whatever is necessary to win, but today we take a break, then we reassess."

One protester shouted at others who were jeering at police, "Today is a peaceful march! Don't fall into the trap! The world is watching us," prompting the group to move on.

It was impossible to put an exact figure on the number of protesters. The organizers put the number at 1.7 million, adding they had applied for permission to march to the Hong Kong Liaison Office, Beijing's main representative body in the city, on the last day of the month.

Police estimated there were 128,000 in Victoria Park at the height of the protest.

Late in the evening, some demonstrators were urging others to go home and rest.

Anger over a now-suspended bill that would allow criminal suspects in Hong Kong to be extradited to mainland China erupted in June, but the unrest has been fueled by broader worries about the erosion of freedoms guaranteed under the "one country, two systems" formula put in place after Hong Kong's return to Chinese rule in 1997, including an independent judiciary and right to protest.

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The protests present one of the biggest challenges for Chinese President Xi Jinping since he came to power in 2012, with the ruling Communist Party preparing to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic on Oct. 1.

Protesters held aloft placards with slogans including "Free Hong Kong!" and "Democracy now!" and umbrellas to shield them from the sometimes-heavy rain.

Some aimed green lasers at police and government buildings. Many protesters chanted for the city's Beijing-backed leader, Carrie Lam, to step down. REUTERS

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# Box office: 'Good Boys' leads crowded weekend with $21 million

Seth Rogen-produced movie had the biggest opening for an original comedy this year.

Cast members Keith L. Williams, Jacob Tremblay, Brady Noon and Chance Hurstfield at the premiere for the film "Good Boys". REUTERS

The Bean Bag Boys, the self-appointed nickname for the trio of best friends in Universal's "Good Boys," are conquering much more than sixth grade. They are also leading the domestic box office, exceeding expectations and collecting $21 million on opening weekend.

"Good Boys," which screened at 3,204 North American theaters, is a much-needed win for original comedies, a genre that's been struggling at the box office as of late. The Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg-produced movie is the first R-rated funny film to open in first place in three years (since 2016's "The Boss"), as well as the biggest opening for an original comedy this year.

The R-rated movie, carrying a $20 million price tag, also debuted overseas with $2.1 million for a global start of $23.1 million.

Universal also took second place with "Hobbs & Shaw." The "Fast & Furious" spinoff earned $14.1 million during its third outing, boosting domestic ticket sales to $133 million.

This weekend's four other new releases struggled to varying degrees.

Sony's "The Angry Birds Movie 2," which got a head start on the weekend by opening Tuesday, finished with $16.2 million over the six-day frame. The animated sequel landed in fourth place on box office charts, collecting $10 million during the traditional weekend. That haul is a steep drop from the first film, based on the once-popular phone app and video game, which scored $38 million in its inaugural weekend. The follow-up has the benefit of better reviews and a smaller production budget compared to the original.

Entertainment Studio's shark thriller "47 Meters Down: Uncaged" also lacked the same bite as its predecessor. The movie opened at No. 6, earning $9 million from 2,853 locations. The original movie started small with $11 million but had a long run in theaters, ultimately ending with $44 million in North America.

Meanwhile, Warner Bros. and New Line's "Blinded by the Light" and Annapurna's "Where'd You Go, Bernadette" both bombed, landing in 10th and 11th place.

Despite positive reviews, "Blinded by the Light" couldn't hit the right tune with audiences and debuted with a dismal $4.5 million from 2,307 screens. Directed by "Bend It Like Beckham" filmmaker Gurinder Chadha, the coming-of age story follows a British-Pakistani teenager whose life is changed when he discovers Bruce Springsteen music. The few moviegoers who did see the film this weekend seemed to enjoy it, awarding it with an "A-" CinemaScore.

"Blinded by the Light" is ending summer on a rocky note for Warner Bros., which missed with last weekend's mob thriller "The Kitchen" and May's "Godzilla: King of the Monsters."

"Where'd You Go, Bernadette," directed by Richard Linklater and based on Maria Stemple's novel, launched below expectations with a disastrous $3.45 million. Cate Blanchett stars as the titular Bernadette, who curiously disappears just before her family is set to go on a big trip. The cast also includes Billy Crudup and Kristen Wiig. REUTERS

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*Demand Soars At NYC Medical Clinic For Promising Back Pain Treatment*

# Can This Medical Technology Possibly Eliminate Or Greatly Reduce Even The Most Severe Back Pain... Almost Instantly?

## *The Advanced Medical Treatment Every Back & Neck Pain Sufferer Needs To Know - No Matter How Bad The Pain Is Or How Many Other Treatments Have Failed*

**NYC Pain MD is a medical clinic with two locations in New York City that has made a name for itself by treating the worst cases of back or neck pain.**

**Here is what every back and neck pain sufferer who has failed to respond to other treatments and does not want surgery should know about one of the best treatment options available today for severe back and neck pain including when, why and where you should consider this treatment to get maximum results.**

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If you suffer with back, neck or nerve pain, you have probably already tried *many treatments*... especially countless pain medications.

Experienced doctors understand that even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for back pain... they are rarely the answer.

In most cases they have minimal, short term results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

### Are there any better options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there is very good option to help relieve the pain.

*An option that a lot of back and neck pain sufferers may have never heard of before.*

Before we get into these treatments, please understand this...

*NYC Pain MD* is a REAL medical clinic that has treated the worst cases of back pain. Patients travel from all over to be treated at one of their clinics for all sorts of joint and muscle pain because they want the best medical treatments available.

What you are about to discover is a REAL medical treatment. Not some miracle cure you see on infomercials or on the internet.

**Know this fact:** There is no one treatment that will help every case of back pain. And we cannot guarantee this treatment will work for you. But this treatment has already helped countless back and neck pain sufferers who had given up hope. I bet many just like you.

What is this treatment? It's called...

### Radiofrequency Neurotomy

"Radiofrequncy Neurotomy" is often referred to as RF for short.

RF is a procedure that is based on the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

There are many nerves around your spine and one of their jobs is to sense PAIN.

Radiofrequency waves are delivered to these nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerves.

Two procedures are performed. First, a test, diagnostic "Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, the Radio Frequency Neurotomy is scheduled and performed for longer term relief.

### What Results Can You Expect?

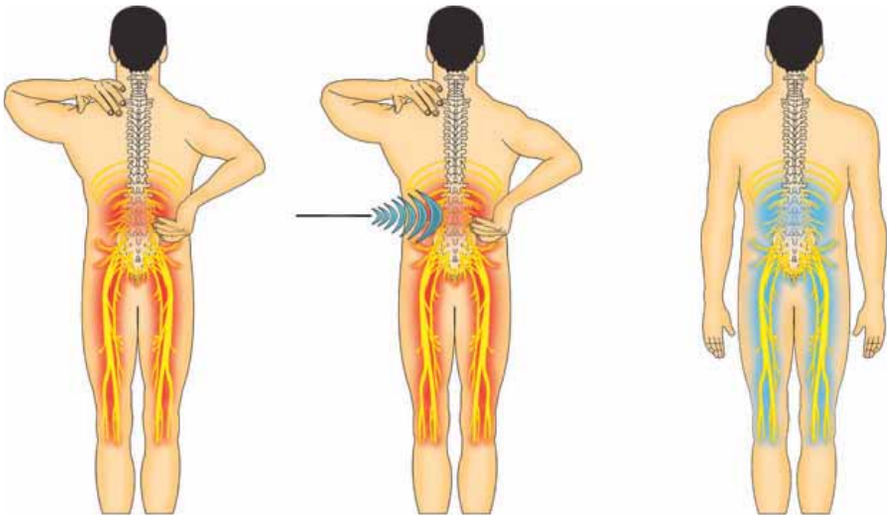
Like all real medical procedures... results vary for individual patients. No good and ethical doctor would guarantee any exact results for any procedure... that's just not how things work and it would be less than honest.

That's being said, it is not uncommon for patients to get complete, if not significant relief of their pain shortly after the treatment.

### How Long Do The Results Last?

This procedure "blocks" the nerves pain signals... it does not destroy them. Therefore, the results are safe but not completely permanent. But, many patients get relief for 6 months… 12 months…. 18 months for some and some even longer. The great news is - another procedure can be safely preformed for more relief if necessary.

### Advanced Treatment Uses Radio Frequencies To Relieve Serious Neck & Back Pain



**Science rescues back & neck pain sufferers?:** Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many.

While we cannot claim this is a complete "permanent cure" but... it can be a god-send for so many who were in constant pain.

Really... what would it be worth it to you could get out of pain for long enough so you could start enjoying your everyday life again?

Would it be worth it to be able to finally get a good nights sleep again?

How about being able to go for a simple walk or just do your basic daily chores without worrying about so much pain?

### Is It Safe?

Yes. This procedure has been done countless times and continues to have an excellent safety record. It is minimally invasive and is not surgical.

### Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and physical therapy do not offer good enough results.

***RF has also been found effective AFTER back surgery when patient's still feel pain.***

*The pain after a failed back surgery can be debilitating for some and this procedure may be the only thing that helps give you relief.*

### What To Do Next If You Are In Pain And The "X" Factor

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof without the need for a surgical center or hospital.

### Major Savings In Time And Costs Of Care?

*NYC Pain MD's* method allows you to avoid expensive hospital or out patient surgi-center facility fees which often run 3 to 4 times the cost of the procedure itself. And you don't have to go through the huge stress and time consuming process of going all over the city to outside centers. All the *NYC Pain MD* treatments can be done in out in-office procedure suites saving you stress, time and dollars. *NYC Pain MD* believes this additional "X" factor is one of the reasons so many back pain sufferers travel from all over to be treated at one of their advanced medical clinics.

### Your Invitation

*NYC Pain MD* offers a limited number of complimentary back pain treatment screenings every month. These screenings are a way for back pain sufferers to get some of their questions answered and see if they are a candidate for one of the cutting-edge treatments offered at *NYC Pain MD*. If you would like a complimentary screening, just call 877-907-2934 and tell the scheduling expert who answers the phone, "I would like a complimentary back pain screening."

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— **Anonymous,** *Metro US reader*

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**Aries** A passionate attitude can help you reach your goals, but discipline and practicality will ensure that you get there without suffering setbacks on the way.

**Taurus** Think before you act. You may crave change, but that doesn't mean the time is right to make a move. Take your time, plan your actions and leave no room for error.

**Gemini** Spend more time taking care of your physical, emotional and financial needs. Refuse to get caught up in someone else's drama or extravagance. Protect your reputation.

**Cancer** You know what's required, so refuse to let the little things get in your way. Take care of business as well as your physical and emotional health.

**Leo** Learn as you go. An open mind and a desire to do things on your own will tip the scale in your favor. Don't feel obligated to follow someone else.

**Virgo** Step up and take charge. If you want to change, do something about it. Focus on the end results and don't stop until you reach your goal.

**Libra** Say what's on your mind and clear the air. Once you know where you stand and how others feel, you will know how to best move forward.

**Scorpio** Set a course and refuse to let anyone sidetrack you. An energetic and disciplined approach will help you bring about positive change and greater freedom to do as you please.

**Sagittarius** Home and self-improvements will give you a new lease on life. Don't feel that you must abide by someone else's grand plan when you have your own path to follow.

**Capricorn** Speed things up and finish what you start before someone tries to interfere. The less interaction you have with others, the easier it will be to get things done your way.

**Aquarius** Opportunity knocks. Look over your options and consider what will bring you the most satisfaction and the least stress. Do what suits you best and have no regrets. Romance is highlighted.

**Pisces** Don't reveal information that might be used against you or put you in an awkward position. Moderation should be practiced, regardless of what others choose to do. Personal improvement is encouraged.

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Richard Linklater with Kristin Wiig on set. WILSON WEBB

# 'You're a better example to people if you've followed your dreams and your passions'

Writer-director Richard Linklater gives Metro the scoop on his latest film, "Where'd You Go, Bernadette."

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As human beings, we all have outlets that are necessary for our survival. Whether it's art, music, acting or writing, we all need something to throw our passions into and ultimately escape. So what happens when a creative person can't create anymore? Writer-director Richard Linklater's latest feature film, "Where'd You Go, Bernadette" explores just that.

"Where'd You Go, Bernadette" is based on the wildly popular 2012 novel by Maria Semple, and those who have read the book know just how intricate the story line is. Essentially, the pages are filled with letters, emails and notes instead of a formal narrative. That was Linklater's first challenge when taking on this project: finding a way to make the hilariously real correspondence into a film. "You just have to pick your spots," says Linklater. "The book is letters, emails, notes and it's just completely hilarious. So the idea here was to just take what it's about. It's funny and quirky, but it's also just straightforward storytelling. The audience is in a privileged spot where they always know what's going on even when the characters in the movie do not."

The story itself is quirky and eclectic, yet so relatable. It follows the story of once-famed architect Bernadette Fox, who shunned her creative outlet after a devastating mishap and moved to Seattle with her patient husband (Billy Crudup) and smartly charming daughter Bee (Emma Nelson). Bernadette deals with nosy neighbors (Kristin Wiig), conniving school moms (Zoe Chao), a Russian hacker, a ship full of Antarctic-bound passengers and more while on her journey of self-discovery.

The polarizing main character of Bernadette, played by Cate Blanchett, is not an easy nut to crack. Think of her as an enigma wrapped up in brilliance, a frosty attitude and thick sunglasses. But even though Bernadette would rather keep people — and the world, in general — out of her personal thoughts, there is still so much to unwrap. "There's just so much utter complexity to Bernadette. I initially was intrigued by how the story woven around her reveals itself. I thought about what the story meant to me — an artist who's not creating their art, long-term relationships, a portrait of a family, a mother and daughter relationship — all of that really resonated with me."

Linklater is known for having his own directing style. He gathers his hand-picked cast together prior to filming to rehearse and get to know each other for about a month, which is quite uncommon in the film world. But to Linklater, it's simply what works to get the most out of the characters. "I want to work with artists, people who have points of view and have a lot of themselves to bring to something. I'm not interested in puppetry or someone doing exactly what I say," says Linklater. "I think the analogy is in the movie with Bernadette's approach to architecture. She's very instinctual and she says that she's a problem solver. I feel that way with every film. I'm given the personalities I'm working with and the cast that I've put together are the right people, so it's just kind of like, OK, what does this film want to be that exceeds my previous expectations? What new level can we reach that I couldn't have imagined earlier? That's what I'm going for with this."

This approach has helped secure Linklater as a household name in the film world. But the real genius comes from his drive to let his actors create what they can with what they are given — and he is more than willing to listen.

"The good thing about engaging the actors and creative people is that they're really invested. I want to work with people who care and go all-in on their characters and have strong opinions. A person going through life is like that, we all are pretty invested in ourselves whether we like it or not, and we have opinions on what we are doing. So I want the actors to own it. But I feel my way through every movie I do in that regard. This one especially, it's just so complex and the storytelling was such a challenge in a way, it was just wonderful to see it come to life with these very intuitive actors. It's a great group and we had fun too," added Linklater.

One of the main points of the film is the fact that Bernadette loses herself when she finds she no longer has that creative outlet she once held so close to her heart. As a filmmaker, Linklater related. "That's kind of the end of life for me, the day I stop wanting to create. I don't know what I would be doing without a creative outlet. Once you accept that about yourself and you realize your art is your own therapy — it's a deeper calling and it's personal."

"Where'd You Go, Bernadette" is heartwarming, heartwrenching, funny and real. But the real message stems from the innate desire we all have to be able to showcase our innermost wants, fears and pain through a creative outlet that is highly personal. "You're a better example to people if you've followed your dreams and your passions than if you sacrifice for others, even though that's an admirable quality," says Linklater. "On one hand, I think a good example is someone who's responsibly followed their passion and became the full person they're meant to be instead of thwarting it for other people or other reasons. That's a hard balance. It's the challenge every adult faces and every parent faces to different degrees. It's the balancing act of all of those things. Like for Bernadette, I think she's been focusing too much on other things and it's time for her to get back on track with herself. That's been the problem all along."

***"Where'd You Go, Bernadette" is now in theaters.***

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# 'The Amazing Johnathan Documentary' proves nothing is as it seems

We spoke with the film's director, Ben Berman, on the pitfalls of covering the famous magician.

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It should be a rule of thumb that a documentary that covers a subject without anything going wrong along the way is typically not the most interesting experience for the viewer. Even though it's great for the rest of us, this kind of bargain can put the documentarian through hell and back. This is exactly what happened to filmmaker Ben Berman with his new film "The Amazing Johnathan Documentary," now on Hulu.

Berman was first aware of The Amazing Johnathan after watching one of his legendary and unhinged performances on Comedy Central when he was around 13 years old. If you are of a certain age, you have probably seen them, too. The magician curses and makes it seem as though all of his tricks go dangerously wrong onstage when, in fact, that is the act itself. As Berman grew older, he forgot about the performer until news that the performer had been diagnosed with the fatal heart disease, cardiomyopathy, surfaced and that the hugely successful Vegas magician would be gifting some of his tricks to younger magicians after his inevitable passing.

"I thought that was a pretty beautiful thing. He wanted his legacy to live on after he was gone and live on through other magicians. And I thought that was really cool," Berman told me over the phone. From there came his idea to document Johnathan in his current moment, and he got the opportunity to follow the magician as he began to make his comeback to the stage.

But of course, Johnathan would prove to be a more difficult subject to cover than Berman would ever imagine. The magician has been open in his daily use of crystal meth and while Berman and his crew had their cameras going, Johnathan alerted them that there were, perhaps, multiple documentary crews that would be making similar films along the way.

This throws a wrench in Berman's plan, as his access to his intended subject begins to decrease as these "crews" vie for camera time. But, are we sure they are real or is this actually the work of one of the world's greatest tricksters? That is the question that Berman was then forced to pursue the answer to as the film takes its unintended turn.

One question is raised throughout the film over and over again: If Johnathan was only given one month left to live, how has he stayed alive for the four years since his diagnosis? Could it be that this is the biggest trick he has ever pulled? Were these other documentary crews only diversions so that Berman would not get close enough to find out? Could it be that Johnathan's real disease could be his drug addiction?

"That's a good question," says Berman. "A lot of people ask me, 'Do you still believe that he's faking his death?' And I absolutely say, no. I'm not still questioning if he's faking it or not. I think the more accurate question is, why is he dying? What is this heart cardiomyopathy actually about? Or what caused it? Is it possibly ... you know, smoking meth multiple times a day for 25 years is certainly not good for your heart. Could that have caused what he claims to be cardiomyopathy, or what was diagnosed as cardiomyopathy? I think there's a good chance of that. Which is a kind of a chicken-or-the-egg situation. Was he predisposed to heart disease regardless of drugs, or without drugs? That could be the case. Was he predisposed and would've got cardiomyopathy anyway? But in addition to that, smokes meth, which certainly can't help. I think that's a great possibility as well. Or did the meth cause the heart disease? I don't have those answers, but I would imagine that certainly that they're linked."

Without spoiling the head-scratcher of an ending, Berman ends up getting some of the answers he was looking for. And while he may have been driven to the brink of insanity by his subject, the ride that he went on only helped to cement the film as a thrilling viewing experience.

"It was certainly a wild ride that was at times either uncomfortable, upsetting, worrisome or just a huge, huge bummer," explains an exasperated Berman. "But I think that's part of the value of the movie. That it actually kind of either shows, explores or unpacks not only the story of Johnathan, not only the Johnathan element of this documentary. But it unpacks the making of a story like that. And all the questions and all the ups and downs that come along with being able to try to — at least attempt — to tell that story."

# Knicks legends John Starks and Larry Johnson on the magic of MSG

The Garden is now offering an All Access Tour of the legendary arena.

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As the saying goes, New York City is the center of the universe. And the people at Madison Square Garden would like to believe that the legendary arena is the center of all things happening within the five boroughs throughout its 150 years of putting on sporting events, concerts and even religious gatherings.

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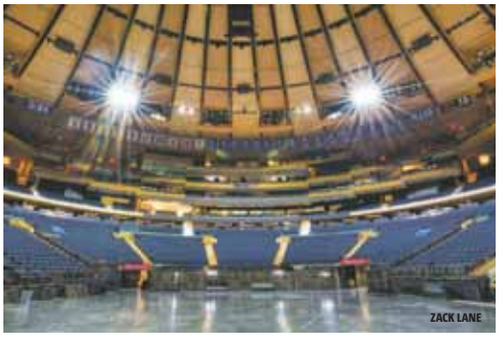

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performing "Piano Man" at one of his 66 straight sold-out shows at the Garden.

There really is no place like MSG, and that feeling still stays with retired NBA great and former Knick Larry "LJ" Johnson, now employed as a business operations representative for the team. "Coming from Dallas," Johnson says, while we chat in the arena, "this was the mecca."

Knicks legend John Starks, who was their star shooting guard from 1990 to 1998, completely agrees with Johnson that The Garden is a special place like no other for basketball players all over the world.

"No question … it's a very special place," says Starks, who now works for the Knicks as an alumnus and fan development official, and even does pregame and postgame analysis for the MSG Network. "That's what every basketball player dreams about. Coming here and performing and performing at a high level. To be able to play for this organization, it was very special for the eight years that I was here. Now that I'm back working on the front-office side, it's even more special."

Starks is known as one of the greatest Knicks to ever wear the uniform and his immortal "the dunk" against the Chicago Bulls is forever immortalized in the halls of The Garden alongside photos of visits from the Pope and signed boxing gloves from Muhammed Ali. That honor is not lost on the NBA legend. I ask Starks if there are any other moments that come to mind when walking the arena day in and day out. He immediately recalls the heated 1994 Eastern Conference Finals against the Indiana Pacers.

"Game 7 against the Indiana Pacers. The game was on the line and I was just coming off a knee surgery and I remember I had a pick and roll with me and Patrick [Ewing]. In my mind I'm trying to recreate 'the dunk' again, I was seeing the same thing happening. I went up and the hops weren't there! I went up against Dale Davis. I was going to go up left and I had to change it and all I could do was get it up off the board and I missed the shot. This was the waning seconds! Here comes Patrick, out of nowhere, to save me and dunk it back in."

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# Back-to-school shopping: Kids influenced by social media push parents to overspend

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Kids pushing their parents for the coolest in back-to-school gear is a late-summer tradition, and today, youngsters have some backup: social media influencers.

Peer and social media influences on children are not news unto themselves, but it turns out these factors are affecting how parents spend their back-to-school dollars, according to a new NerdWallet survey conducted online by The Harris Poll.

The online survey included 2,010 U.S. adults, among whom 595 are parents of kids in kindergarten through college. Of those parents, at least 6 in 10 say their children are influenced by peers or social media when making their back-to-school wish list. And about half of these parents (51 percent) say they typically end up buying back-to-school products their kids want because of these influences.

"The whole notion of 'Keeping up with the Joneses' is amplified on social media, with an entire army of influencers telling your child what they 'need' to have this year. That can make back-to-school shopping a real headache," says NerdWallet personal finance expert, Kelsey Sheehy. "Ease the pressure by having a plan in place before you get started. You can even turn it into a learning opportunity and involve your child in the process so they can learn to prioritize and work within a budget."

Here's how parents are thinking about their back-to-school shopping lists, along with some tips on how to manage the costs and potential frustrations.

**Key findings**

Nearly all (97 percent) of parents with children in kindergarten through college plan on back-to-school shopping this year.

Half (50 percent) of parents planning to do back-to-school shopping this year say they'll likely splurge, compared with 93 percent of those who shopped last year who say they splurged.

Six in 10 parents (60 percent) with kids in school say their children are influenced by social media and 67% percent say their children are influenced by friends on what they want to buy for back-to-school.

More than half (52 percent) of these parents say they feel pressured by their children to buy back-to-school items they want, even if they cost more than they'd normally want to spend.

Note: Throughout this report, unless otherwise noted, "parents" refers to parents with children in kindergarten through college.

**Preparing for peer, social media pressure**

At least 6 in 10 parents say their children are influenced by social media (60 percent) and friends (67 percent) on what to buy for back-to-school.

In turn, the kids pass the pressure on to parents. Just over half (52 percent) of parents with children in school say they feel pressured by their kids to purchase supplies and/or apparel, even if they cost more than they'd normally want to spend, and 51 percent say they usually end up buying the products their kids want because of influence from others.

Back-to-school shopping tip 1: Share the list and a budget with your child. You have a list of things your child needs and likely can't indulge every whim on brand names and costly designs. Helping your child understand this up front can save you from an argument in the store and can impart a useful lesson in personal finance. By setting a dollar limit before the shopping begins, you can avoid the exasperation of being pressured into a pair of

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**Handling splurges**

Parents can't blame all of their overspending on pressure from their children, however. Nearly all of those who shopped likely overspent last year, and they may be setting themselves up for failure again this year.

Over 9 in 10 parents (93 percent) who did back-to-school shopping last year splurged, but only 50 percent who plan to shop this year say they'll likely splurge, suggesting either many have cleaned up their act or they're not being realistic about how much they'll be tempted to overspend.

Back-to-school shopping tip 2: Make a realistic budget and plan. If you know you "always" splurge this time of year (42 percent of parents say they do), or believe it's likely, set a budget that accounts for this. Give yourself wiggle room to buy a few splurge items, but rein in spending on things you can get at a bargain price. If you're completely honest with yourself, and you know you'll spend more than you have, begin saving for back-to-school shopping like you do for holiday shopping or any big purchase.

"It's better to set a slightly higher budget than it is to feel guilty about overspending, or worse, to have to rearrange your finances to account for unplanned splurges," says Sheehy.

**Comparing and matching prices**

Price-matching, or asking retailers to beat competitor prices, is an underused practice that can pay off big. Within the past year, 28 percent of Americans say they haven't price-matched at all. Parents with children under age 18 are more likely to have price-matched (83 percent) vs. those without (66 percent).

"Price-matching takes comparison shopping to the next level," Sheehy says. "It does involve a little more work, but the potential reward is savings above and beyond what you'll find in sales flyers or emails."

Back-to-school shopping tip 3: Make comparing and matching prices a habit. Apps such as ShopSavvy or ScanLife make it easy to compare prices while you're in the store. Compare prices on exact products across retailers; then ask a clerk or check store websites for price-matching policies. These policies vary widely from retailer to retailer. For example, Target and Staples have generous price-matching policies, but Amazon doesn't price-match at all.

**Paying for purchases**

Of those parents planning to do back-to-school shopping this year, about half (52 percent) will put their purchases on a debit card and 38 percent will use cash. These methods are far preferable to racking up debt you can't immediately pay off, but if shoppers can pay cash, they could likely earn rewards on their purchases just as easily.

Just under half (45 percent) of parents planning to shop will use a credit card.

Back-to-school shopping tip 4: Get paid for your spending. Use a credit card that earns rewards, such as points or cash back, to make your back-to-school spending work for you. But don't let interest eat into your benefits.

"You can use a rewards credit card to maximize your back-to-school shopping and earn points or cash back to put toward next year's summer vacation," says Sheehy. "Just make sure you can pay the balance off each month. If you don't, interest charges will quickly eat away at any benefits the card offers."

**Timing your shopping**

Summer ultimately leads into the school year, but that doesn't make it the best time to do all of your back-to-school shopping.

Two in five parents (40 percent) who do back-to-school shopping say they wait until July to start, and 36 percent wait until August. Just 8 percent say they purchase school items for the upcoming school year throughout the year.

You may capture some sales by waiting for summer to buy items for the school year — especially if you wait until just before school begins — but you could also overspend by purchasing everything in the same month.

Back-to-school shopping tip 5: Time purchases throughout the year. Many states have sales tax holidays that coincide with back-to-school — check your state's dates on the website of the Federation of Tax Administrators. Take advantage of the savings on these days, but don't feel like you have to buy everything for the entire year in one go. Fall and winter clothes, for example, will likely be cheaper a few months after school begins. **ELIZABETH RENTER**

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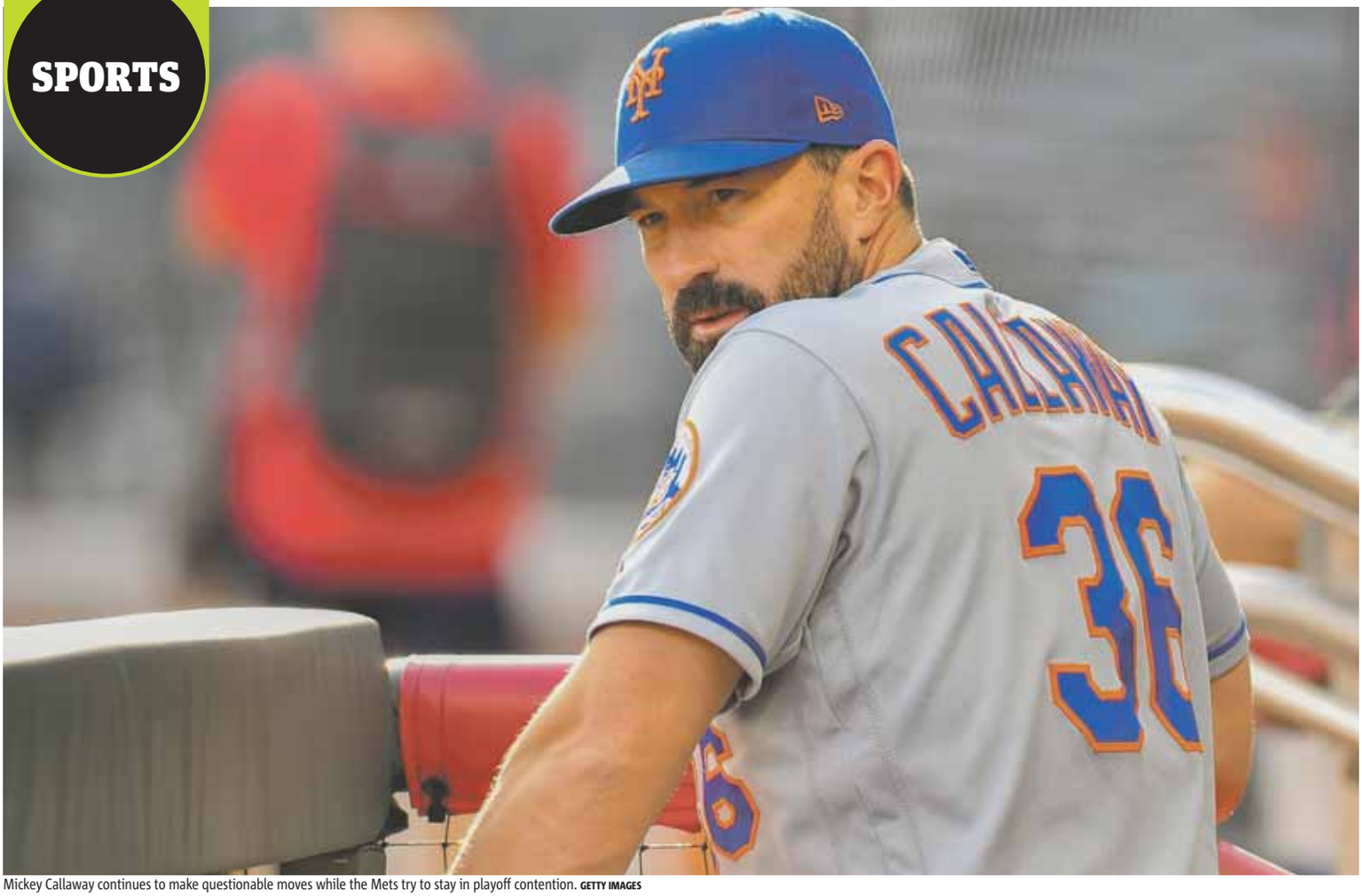


Mickey Callaway continues to make questionable moves while the Mets try to stay in playoff contention. GETTY IMAGES

# METS' BIGGEST OBSTACLE DURING 2019 PLAYOFF HUNT? THEIR MANAGER

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It's becoming crystal clear that the New York Mets' hot streak that recently ended was in spite of their manager, Mickey Callaway.

Following a stretch of 15 wins in 16 games, the Mets had lost four of five entering Sunday's series finale against the Kansas City Royals.

The sudden swoon was accentuated by a loss to the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night, which further proved why the Mets are going to need a different manager if they want to be contenders down the road.

Callaway inexplicably pulled his starter, Steven Matz, who was cruising with a 2-1 lead.

The southpaw had given up just two hits and one run in six innings of work while retiring the last 14 batters he faced.

And it took him just 79 pitches.

At that rate, he should have at least gone eight innings.

It looked like he was going to stay in the game when he batted in the top of the seventh, but for some reason, Callaway yanked him for Seth Lugo.

Lugo had been the Mets' best bullpen arm, but there was no need to put him in that early, especially with Matz piecing together one of his best performances of the season.

By now, you already know what happened. Lugo was tagged for five runs and the Mets lost 6-4.

This was overmanaging at its absolute worst.

There was no reason for Callaway to pull Matz at that spot, especially when there was a golden opportunity to keep a shaky bullpen sidelined.

Besides, this is August. This is not the time to be resting key contributors when every single chance at a victory is vital.

Atlanta showed no signs of figuring Matz out any time soon and amid a playoff hunt, Callaway just threw away a win against a divisional opponent.

He almost did it again the following night when he brought in reliever Drew Gagnon and his 7.29 ERA to pitch the eighth and ninth innings on Thursday night with a 10-3 lead.

Gagnon was tagged for five runs and four home runs in 1.2 innings, forcing the Mets to sweat out what should have been an easy win.

Some advice for Mickey: No lead is safe. Especially with a mine-filled bullpen that is ready to explode at any given time.

When playing catch-up in the standings, there's no time to be putting in relievers with astronomical ERA's.

Add in another loss on Friday against the Royals and the Mets are back in fourth place in the division, dropping behind the Philadelphia Phillies in both the NL East and the Wild Card standings.

That's what bad managing will do for you.

The most insulting thing to everyone, especially Mets fans, was Callaway doubling down on his ridiculous moves.

"I'll make that move 100 times out of 100, that's the right move in my mind," he said after pulling Matz early on Wednesday.

At least everyone else knows that he would be making 100 wrong decisions.

Following Gagnon's disaster of an outing, he said the reliever "did a great job."

"He saved us probably two innings and a couple of guys from our bullpen that is going to be fresh for tomorrow and that's what you want him to do."

Again, now isn't the time to worry about putting a little bit of strain on your best players.

The problem is that he's the only one tasked in making such ridiculous choices.

And that's what matters most.

There's a very good chance that the Mets' biggest obstacle separating them from the postseason is their manager.

That's a huge problem.

Get Joe Girardi on the phone ... or almost any Mets fan. Even they have a better sense of how the team should be run than the manager.

# Urshela, LeMahieu Yanks' bargain difference-makers

Two of the most unlikely Yankees are putting together better seasons than the top free-agent signings of the winter.

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DJ LeMahieu (left) and Gio Urshela (right) have been surprising stars in 2019 for the Yankees. GETTY IMAGES

It turns out Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman doesn't need to flash the big bucks to put together a serious contender.

In fact, 2019 may be forever remembered as the year of the bargain hunter.

The Yankees had ample opportunities to go out and sign a bona fide offensive difference-maker over the winter.

A loaded free-agent class was headlined by two of the game's best young players in left fielder Bryce Harper and third baseman Manny Machado.

The Yankees always have the money to woo any big-name free agent, but they were surprisingly quiet. Harper went to the Phillies while Machado signed on with the Padres in mega-deals that began at $300 million.

Instead, Cashman made smaller, much cheaper signings. Though it didn't provide nearly as much star power. Hence some uneasy feelings heading into the season.

No one saw the signing of DJ LeMahieu as a game-changer. At most, he'd be a nice utility infielder to provide off days for Luke Voit, Gleyber Torres and Miguel Andujar.

But then the injuries hit.

Didi Gregorius was still recovering from Tommy John surgery, prompting the team to sign Troy Tulowitzki, who quickly landed on the IL as well. Andujar suffered a shoulder injury that required season-ending surgery back in May.

It forced the Yankees to rely heavily on LeMahieu and Gio Urshela.

Gio who?

A 27-year-old utility infielder with a .225 average and eight career home runs in 167 games dating back to 2015.

But as is the story with plenty of Yankees over the years, the Pinstripes provide a certain surge of power to those who don the jersey.

That's the Yankee mystique.

Not only have LeMahieu and Urshela answered the call this season for the Yankees, but they've put together better seasons than Harper and Machado.

After batting .276 with the Colorado Rockies last season — which suggested his better days were behind him — LeMahieu was batting .338 along with a career-high 20 home runs and 83 RBI entering Sunday.

He had never hit more than 15 home runs with 66 RBI in any of his first eight MLB seasons.

While LeMahieu's power has been a pleasant surprise for the Yankees, Urshela's emergence has been something completely out of left field (where Harper plays).

In 104 games this season, Urshela is batting .335 with 18 home runs and 66 RBI, epitomizing the "next man up" mantra that has fueled the Yankees to the top of the American League this season.

Just look how the two Yankee surprises compare to Machado and Harper this season:

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*URSHELA: .338*
*MACHADO: .264*
*HARPER: .252*

**ON-BASE PERCENTAGE**
*LEMAHIEU: .386*
*URSHELA: .379*
*HARPER: .372*
*MACHADO: .334*

**SLUGGING PERCENTAGE**
*URSHELA: .580*
*LEMAHIEU: .538*
*HARPER: .491*
*MACHADO: .474*

**HOME RUNS**
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*MACHADO: 26*
*LEMAHIEU: 20*
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Who got the better deal?

# Expect bland passing attack from G-men

Regardless of quarterback, Big Blue's passing game has been conservative.

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Daniel Jones has had a strong preseason within a simple-looking Giants offense. GETTY IMAGES

We're halfway through the preseason, and the hype surrounding Daniel Jones continues to build.

The New York Giants rookie passer has dazzled while taking his first snaps in the NFL. It's just the kind of start Giants management wanted from the Duke product after surprisingly taking him with the sixth pick of the 2019 draft.

In two games, the 22-year-old has been nearly perfect, completing 16-of-19 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns.

He's headlined an exhibition slate that has belonged to the reserve quarterbacks as Alex Tanney and Kyle Lauletta have helped share a bulk of the playing time.

Eli Manning has attempted just five passes this summer as he's poised to start under center for a 16th straight season. No need for the team to risk injury on the 38-year-old whose game has largely remained unchanged over the past five years.

Head coach Pat Shurmur's offense has been predicated on the young, phenomenal running back in Saquon Barkley, who has quickly developed into one of the best dual-threat backs in football.

His breakout rookie season last year was a godsend for Manning, who was constantly under duress behind a subpar offensive line.

Constant pressure forced Manning to get the ball out of his hands quickly, limiting the offense to a dink-and-dump system that didn't fully utilize the talents of Odell Beckham Jr.

Now in 2019, the offensive line has received a boost with the additions of Kevin Zeitler and Mike Remmers. But the wide-receiving corps has plenty of question marks amidst injuries, suspensions and the trading of Beckham.

While he's projected to have more time in the pocket this year, the game plan for Manning — and the rest of the Giants quarterbacks — remains largely unchanged from 2018.

Shurmur's offense has featured his quarterbacks attempting short, low-risk passes to get the offense moving.

When performed quickly, it's a lethal way to wear out an opposing defense. However, it's not conducive to playing while behind.

It's also not the kind of offensive scheme that can fully display Jones' arm.

But it's safe for a team that will soon hang its hopes on a rookie quarterback while trying not to show the league too much of its hand before the regular season.

This can all be tweaked if (or when) Jones given the reins to the offense, but so far it's provided promising returns.

Each of the four Giants quarterbacks this summer has completed at least 64 percent of their passes. One interception in a combined 67 pass attempts is also plenty promising.

The chances of turnovers decrease exponentially, though, when a team is averaging just 9.6 yards per pass attempt.

This game plan obviously won't be Pat Shurmur's go-to strategy come the regular season, but it will be similar.

Expect the same kind of low-risk short passes with a heavy dose of Barkley this season, regardless of who is under center.

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Index No.: 1413/2013
Against BELDON SCOTT, ET AL Defendant(s)
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5 Forest animals
9 Clumsy fellow
13 More pleasant
15 Rich soil
16 Whet
17 Mom's brother
18 Stupidity
20 __ lift; snowy slope transport
21 Floor pad
23 Dawdle
24 Unmanned plane
26 Holliday or Severinsen
27 War ender
29 Abhor
32 1/16 of a pound
33 Juicy fruits
35 Pot brew
37 Ceremony
38 Chairs & pews
39 Honey
40 "Cat __ Hot Tin Roof"
41 Sung story
42 Lowest
43 Actor Danny
45 Dingbats
46 Legume
47 Practical joke
48 Psychologist
51 Intention
52 Org. for Eagles & Ravens
55 Mentor
58 Nimble
60 Ready and willing
61 Houston school
62 Money holders
63 Three-__ sloth
64 Congeals
65 Meadows

**DOWN**

1 Horned animals
2 Skater's oval
3 Unintentional
4 Singer Tillis
5 Upscale
6 Piece of wood
7 Neighbor of Okla.
8 Burns without flame
9 Take a __; gamble
10 Crave
11 "Measure twice, cut __"
12 Bambi, for one
14 Channel changer
19 Hilarious folks
22 Word attached to body or time
25 Track-and-field event
27 Spanish bull
28 Regretting
29 Evidence
30 Sharp utensil
31 Rib
33 Look through a keyhole
34 Corncob
36 Fine __; music, painting, etc.
38 Lecturers
39 Jimmy __; sausage brand
41 Kilns
42 Andean beasts
44 Gave one's views
45 When to say TGIF: abbr.
47 Downsizes
48 "Beat it!"
49 Tramp
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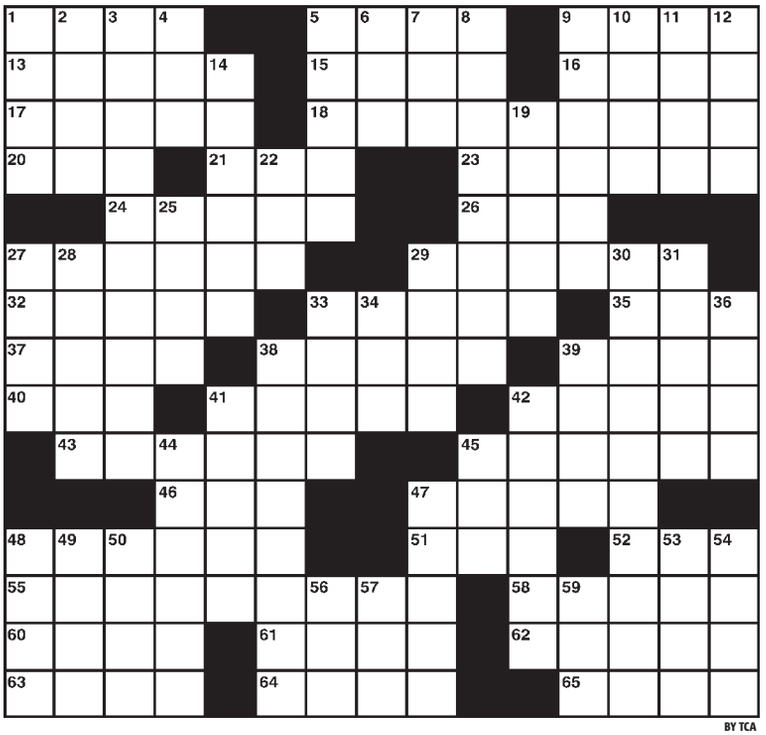
54 Math term
56 Recline
57 Calendar abbr.
59 Four qts.



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